









BISMARCKIAN TACTICS  
A CRUSHING BLOW AT GLADSTONE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Excitement in Government Circles—The Bernhardt Wants a Divorce to Marry an Englishman—Rumors of War From Panama—Generals Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Considerable uneasiness has been created in government circles by the receipt of a dispatch from Berlin announcing that it is semi-officially stated that the German government had decided to reject the British proposal in reference to the financial difficulties in Egypt, and to accept and support the counter proposals of France. The foreign office has not yet received such a dispatch, and the confirmation of the news from an official source is anxiously awaited. The dispatch has given rise to much discussion in government and business circles, and the belief is general that its contents will prove true. This action by Germany is viewed as another Bismarckian blow at the foreign policy of Gladstone's government, and will tend to increase the existing friction between the two governments. The news caused much excitement among the dealers in Egyptian bonds.

War on the Isthmus.  
PANAMA, Jan. 16.—An alarming condition of affairs prevails throughout the republic, and a general conflict is imminent. Civil war is under way in Colon, Panama, B. Yacu, Santander and Magallanes, and seems about to break out in the important state of Chiriqui. In Panama more trouble may occur, and heavy fighting has already taken place in the interior. The Radical party has joined the Conservatives, and are endeavoring to turn over their Liberal government in the states which are the strongest supporters of the government of President Nunez; then, if successful, they will unite the states they hold in an effort to overthrow the general government. Several skirmishes occurred at Santander and B. Yacu. A cable says that a battle has taken place at Tunja in Boyaca, in which the federal forces were defeated and the commander in chief, General Montero and another general killed.

Why Patrick Smith Left Paris.  
DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—Mr. Patrick James Smith, the former member of parliament for Tipperary, who died on Sunday evening, leaves a wife and family in destitute circumstances. Although he had sat in parliament for fourteen years and had been an industrious lawyer and author nearly all his life, he was always a poor man. He had only had an offer of a small office under the home secretary. The salary was only \$1,500 a year, and his acceptance involved a battle with his Radical party, with which he had been affiliated ever since its organization. He knew that he would be called a renegade, but the burden of supporting his family made him an object to him, and he accepted the office, at the same time resigning the seat for Tipperary. The Irish national party gave him past service, but deplore his backsliding.

Sarah's Second Romance.  
PARIS, Jan. 16.—Sarah Bernhardt has revealed her intention of petitioning for a divorce. Until now circumstances obliged her to postpone the realization of her project. When asked what truth there was in the report, Sarah replied: "The matter is very delicate. I had resolved to say nothing about it. I have had an offer of marriage from an Englishman under circumstances so strange and romantic as to be almost incredible. I can not tell his name. I have not made up my mind what answer I shall give him. As soon as I have I will let the press know."

Priglitful Loss of Loss.  
PARIS, Jan. 16.—A terrible colliery accident has occurred at Liegey near Chateaufort. Twenty-eight men have been killed, and twenty more entombed alive. Strenuous efforts are being made to rescue them but at present there is much hope.


A Jeweler's Mode of Retrial.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Nathan Birnbaum, a jeweler of this city who failed some time ago, has begun a \$25,000 damage suit against H. P. & W. H. Birnbaum, jewellers of Providence, R. I., in the circuit court. Mr. Birnbaum's attorneys claim that he was induced, contrary to his avowal, to go to Providence shortly after his failure and try to arrange a settlement with his eastern creditors. This move was executed by the president of the Providence jewellers' protective association who caused Strauss to be arrested upon his arrival at Providence and lodged in jail, where, in default of \$50,000 bail, he still languishes. One of the lieutenants, who is also a member of the protective association, was in town yesterday and suit was begun to catch him within the jurisdiction of the Illinois courts. The attorneys said that it was Strauss' intention to follow up this policy whenever a member of the Providence association should be caught in Chicago.

Gen. Negley Soon Set Free.  
NEW CASTLE, Pa., Jan. 16.—Gen. J. R. Negley, J. R. Negley, Jr., and Charles J. Calhoun were arrested on the charge of conspiracy, and held in the sum of \$150,000 for their appearance in court. The charge was made by D. H. Wallace, who alleges that as officers of the New Castle Northern Railroad they had conspired to defraud the road and insure its credit; that they had made false entries upon the books of the company; that in order to gain control they had fraudulently issued 4,000 shares of stock and issued \$100,000 of bonds of the company, for which they never received anything, and that they conspired in making false charges against the officers of the road. The case was argued, and Judge Hazen quashed the indictments.

Arkansas's Governor Inaugurated.  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 16.—Governor-elect Simon P. Hughes and state officials were inaugurated in the presence of both houses of the legislature, the oath of office being administered by Chief Justice Cockrell. The governor's inaugural address was almost entirely in reference to state matters and congratulations on Arkansas' bright future.


The Foreigner's Mysterious Blow.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 16.—A young school teacher in Hickory township named Tichnor, hit one of his pupils named Welch on the back of the head with a baseball bat inflicting him fatally. Young Welch becoming seriously injured Tichnor seized the bat and hit the boy over the head, knocking him senseless. A doctor was summoned and he pronounced the injuries fatal. Tichnor has not been arrested.

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